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IN RE APPLICATION OF

PATRICE BUJARD ET AL

APPLICATION NO: 10/517,283

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**FOR: PLANE-PARALLEL STRUCTURES OF
SILICON/SILICON OXIDE**

Group Art Unit: 1755

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That I have approximately 20 years of chemical research and development experience; that from January 1985 to date I have worked in the Research and Development laboratories of Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation;

That I invented the subject matter disclosed but not claimed in U.S. Pub. Pat. Appl. No. 2005/0161678 related to plane parallel structures of SiO_y wherein $1 \leq y \leq 1.8$, SiO_2 flakes having "a high plane-parallelism" and various uses thereof, in particular the material of paragraphs 75, 126 and 147-162 of the US Published application relied on by the Examiner for rejections of claims 1-6, 9-11 and 13-18.

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